

Application No. 10/730,886
Attorney Docket No. 032150

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Response filed: April 5, 2006

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 and 2. Replacement Figs. 1 and 2 include the designation of “Related Art.”

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Applicants' Response to the Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objects to Figures 1 and 2 as being drawn to prior art but not labeled as such. In response thereto, applicants have amended the figures to include the designation of "related art." In light of the amendments, applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

Applicants' Response to the Objection to the Specification

The specification is objected to because page 3, line 8 'quarts' should be replaced by --quartz--. Page 4, line 10, 'a anode drive IC (integrated circuit) 1' should be replaced by --an anode drive IC (integrated circuit) 11--. In response thereto, Applicants have amended the specification as recommended by the Examiner. The title stands objected to as non-descriptive. In response thereto, applicants have amended the Title to: Organic EL Display Device with Airtight Container. In light of the amendments, applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,160,346 to *Vieggaaar et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,940,502 to *Lin et al.* *Lin et al.*

only qualifies as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In response thereto, applicants' have perfected their claim to foreign priority under JP Application No. 2002-368045 to December 19, 2002 by filing a verified English language translation of this Japanese Application herein. The U.S. filing date of **Lin et al.** is May 17, 2003. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that **Lin et al.** no longer qualifies as a prior art reference and request the rejection be removed as moot.

In view of the aforementioned amendments, accompanying remarks, and verified English translation of JP Application No. 2002-368045 filed herewith, Applicants submit that that the claims, as previously presented, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacement sheets Figures 1 and 2